

House Resolution 572

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and McCall of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Lebanon United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 170th anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1835, in a small Jackson County community located approximately four
4 miles southwest of Jefferson, a group of citizens responded to their need for a place of
5 worship; and

6 WHEREAS, these visionaries constructed a log building on land given by Mr. James
7 McLester and founded the Lebanon Methodist Church, a Methodist Episcopal South church,
8 on the site; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford W. Long, one of the church's early members, was married to Miss
10 Carolyn Swain at Lebanon in 1842, and together they worshiped there until Dr. Long moved
11 his practice to Athens, Georgia, in 1851; and

12 WHEREAS, members of this historic church have participated in the War Between the
13 States, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, and today's
14 congregation holds close ties to service members engaged in present conflicts; and

15 WHEREAS, throughout its 170-year history, through times of prosperity and depression and
16 the individual achievements, sacrifices, and sorrows of its members, Lebanon United
17 Methodist Church has served as a pillar of strength to those in need and a bastion of the
18 Christian Faith and those precious values upon which our great nation was founded.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body join to recognize the proud and honorable heritage of Lebanon
21 United Methodist Church and extend their best wishes to each member of this distinguished
22 church on the momentous occasion of its 170th anniversary.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lebanon United Methodist
- 3 Church.